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SUBJECT: EXPORT OF RIDLEY TURTLE SKINS TO U. S.
- RIDLEY TURTLE SKINS TO U. S.
REFERENCE: STATE 29079

DELIVERED TO WRONG AGENCY FOR ANSWER.

2. ADVISE GOM ON FOLLOWING RELATING TO RIDLEY TURTLE SKIN
IMPORTATION INTO U.S.:

A. ATLANTIC RIDLEY TURTLE (LEPIDCHELYS KEMPI) IS
CURRENTLY LISTED AS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES UNDER THE
ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973, WHICH PROHIBITS IMPORTATION
(AMONG OTHER ACTIVITIES) INTO THE U. S. EXCEPT FOR SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH OR PROPAGATION PURPOSES.

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ATLANTIC RIDLEY IS ALSO CLASSIFIED AS AN APPENDIX I SPECIES
UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN TRADE OF ENDANGERED
SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA AND IMPORT IS PROHIBITED
FOR PRIMARILY COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

B. PACIFIC RIDLEY TURTLE (LEPIDOCHELYS OLIVACEAE) IS NOT
CURRENTLY LISTED AS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES UNDER THE ENDAN-

GERED SPECIES ACT BUT IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR LISTING AS A THREATENED SPECIES. THE PACIFIC RIDLEY IS LISTED AS AN APPENDIX I SPECIES UNDER THE CONVENTION AND AS SUCH, IMPORTATION FOR PRIMARLY COMMERCIAL PURPOSES IS PROHIBITED.

C. ALL SEA TURTLES OF THE FAMILY CHELONIIDAE (EXCEPT THOSE LISTED IN APPENDIX I) ARE LISTED AS APPENDIX II AND CAN BE IMPORTED INTO U. S. FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES WITH PROPER CONVENTION-LIKE DOCUMENTATION FROM THE GOM MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY OR ITS EQUIVALENT (DIRECTOR GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL FISHING AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT DE PESCA, MEXICO CITY). SINCE MEXICO IS NOT A PARTY COUNTRY, THE APPENDIX II EXPORT DOCUMENT USED MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

1. BE ISSUED BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE COUNTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR AUTHORIZING THE EXPORT OF SUCH WILDLIFE OR PLANTS;
2. SPECIFY THE SPECIES (OR TAXA TO THE RANK LISTED IN APPENDIX I, II, OR III) AND GIVE THE NUMBERS OF WILDLIFE OR PLANTS COVERED BY THE DOCUMENT; AND
3. CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OR ITS EQUIVALENT:

I, _____, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE SHIPMENT OF WILDLIFE OR PLANTS COVERED BY THIS DOCUMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF _____, WILL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE SPECIES IN THE WILD, AND, IF LIVING, WILL BE TRANSPORTED IN A MANNER WHICH WILL MINIMIZE THE RISK OF INJURY, DAMAGE TO HEALTH, OR CRUEL TREATMENT.

3. IF PACIFIC RIDLEY TURTLE SKINS WERE ACQUIRED PRIOR TO THEIR LISTING UNDER THE CONVENTION (JULY 1, 1975) AND THIS IS DOCUMENTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT DE PESCA, THEN EXPORTER COULD QUALIFY UNDER GRANDFATHER CLAUSE EXEMPTION. THE SUBSEQUENT EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY GOM WOULD ALLOW EXPORT OF PACIFIC RIDLEY TURTLE SKINS INTO U. S.

4. IF GOM REQUIRES FURTHER ASSISTANCE PLEASE ADVISE THAT U. S. MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY CONTACT IS:

---- CHIEF, FEDERAL WILDLIFE PERMIT OFFICE
---- U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
---- U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
---- 18TH AND C STREETS, N. W.
---- WASHINGTON, D. C. 20240

ALSO ADVISE GOM IN CASE OF EMERGENCY REGARDING INFORMATION
ON ACT OR CONVENTION, PLEASE CONTACT:

---- SRA GENE H. WILSON
---- U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
---- 4747 EASTERN AVENUE, BUILDING 412
---- BELL, CALIFORNIA 90201
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